

DIVES TO DEATH IN QUARRY HOLE

Columbia Youth Drowns In
Pool North Of Wrights-
ville

BODY NOT RECOVERED

James H. Shultz, 18-years-old son of Mrs. Margaret Shultz, 124 North Fifth street, Columbia, was drowned in the old abandoned quarry hole just outside the northern limits of the borough of Wrightsville at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and his body has not yet been recovered.

Shultz, who was considered an expert swimmer, went to the quarry hole for a swim shortly after noon yesterday, in company with Harry Morrison, of Wrightsville, of the same age.

Takes 40-Foot Plunge

They had been in the water for some time with a number of other swimmers, when the two boys left the other swimmers and climbed to the top of a ledge of rock, about 40 feet high.

The two boys were swinging on the limb of a tree growing on top of the rock, when Shultz decided to jump from the limb into the water, and his companion was also to do the same thing. Before he jumped, he is said to have remarked to his companion that "you must die, sometime anyhow."

Search For Body

The point where the body struck the water is 70 feet deep and at some points the quarry hole is over 100 feet deep. His body never appeared again after it struck the surface of the water, according to nearby swimmers. Witnesses say that Shultz doubled his body before striking the water and threw both hands out before he hit the water.

A search was started immediately for the body. Among those who dove to try to recover the body were Charles Harmon, Charles Scantling, and Gordon Wilson, all of Wrightsville.

Grappling hooks were next tried
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and no trace of the body could be found. Later, two charges of dynamite were set off, but the result was fruitless.

Ralph and Chester Shultz, Washington borough, Lancaster county, uncles of the boy, have made arrangements for a diver from the Safe Harbor dam to come to Wrightsville this morning to go down for the body.

1932 Drowning Recalled

Two weeks ago, Shultz, while diving from the same point, sustained a slight contusion of his head and an injury to his knee. Just two years ago this summer, James Harmon, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harmon, Wrightsville, was drowned a short distance from the scene of yesterday's drowning.

Chief Burgess Samuel J. McElroy, of Wrightsville, has received numerous complaints from residents of Wrightsville about swimming at this point, but as it is just out of the borough limits, he has no jurisdiction. The land at the quarry is owned by the Standard Refractory companies and they have notices posted warning against trespassing at the quarry hole.

Shultz was unemployed for some time, and only last week started employment with the Keeley, Stove company, Columbia. His mother is the only survivor, his father having died 15 years ago.

Among those who witnessed his fatal plunge were: Robert Corrigan, Eugene Flannigan, Isaac Wickheeser, all of Columbia, and Howard Wallick, Wrightsville, who were swimming near the scene.

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